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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 July 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 14-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-13 and 20-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 23 July 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

DETAILED ACTION***Drawings***

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because in fig. 1, reference character “110” has been used to designate different computers attached to the network 114; Different processing units are labeled as element “104”, and different data storages are labeled as “106”. However, different computers can be labeled as 110a, 110b, etc... Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled “Replacement Sheet” in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-13, 20-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Perkes (USPAP 2003/0110503).

1. Perkes anticipated the independent claims 1, 9, 20 by the following: defining entities related to said content; categorizing said entities – paragraphs 0012-0013; 0044-0045, 0082. incorporating said categorized entities into said rules – paragraphs 13, 229, 250, 288.

2. Perkes anticipated claims 2, 10, 21 by the following: the step of searching said data store – pars. 0043, 0230-0234, 0245-0246, 0285.

3. Perkes anticipated claims 3, 11, 22 by the following: wherein said data store comprises one of a hard drive, an optical disc, a floppy disc, a compact disc, a flash card, and a web server – pars. 0234, 0245-0246.

4. Perkes anticipated claims 4, 12, 23 by the following:

defining fields related to data associated with said entities; categorizing said entity associated data in accordance with said fields – pars. 0043-0045, 0082. incorporating said categorized entity associated data into said rules - paragraphs 13, 229, 250, 288.

5. Perkes anticipated claims 5, 13, 24 by the following:

wherein said data store is at least one of network based and on-demanded television based – pars. 0036-0037, 0040, 0045.

6. Perkes anticipated claims 6 and 25 by the following:

wherein said entities comprise at least one of multimedia, streaming media, content related to multimedia, and content related to streaming media – paragraph 0045.

7. Perkes anticipated claims 7 and 26 by the following:

wherein said entity associated data comprises metadata related to said entities – the abstract; paragraphs 0012, 0043; 0228; fig. 13.

8. Perkes anticipated claims 8 and 27 by the following:

wherein said metadata is in accordance with at least one of a Dublin Core standard, an MPEG standard, and an XML standard – paragraphs 0252, 0271, 0290, 0302.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LINH BLACK whose telephone number is 571-272-4106. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JOHN BREENE can be reached on 571-272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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March 4, 2005

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